

70 Post GI's Leave Army on Points, Age

About seventy McGuire enlisted duty personnel became eligible for discharge from the Army under the recently revised and lowered 'points' and age system. Thirty of these have already left the post, while forty more are in various stages of processing.

"Although many of these were considered key persons in their sections, and no immediate civilian or military replacements are available, the departure of none of them will in any manner deprive McGuire patients of any comfort, convenience, or necessity," hospital commanding officer Col. P. E. Duggins pointed out.

"It just means that those of us who are left on duty here will have to work a little harder. And I feel confident that no one will mind that, because, as time goes on, each enlisted man or woman who does not wish to remain in the army will become eligible for discharge," the colonel concluded.

Eight of the recent discharges were qualified on "points"—80 or more—and the others got out on age basis—38 or more years old, or over 35 years old with at least two years of honorable military service.

"Points" Men

"Points" men include S-Sgt. Vincent G. Kochunas of the MP detachment, Tec 5 Paul Johnson, medical equipment and instrument repairman, and Pfc Nicholas Muska-

served here for 14 months before discharge from the army.

Bandsmen Out

Sax player Pfc. Hugh M. (Curley) Geiss and drummer Pfc. Jesse Latto, who arrived with the band from Camp Sibert nine months ago, were the first bandsmen to rate discharges on age. WAC Medical Technician Tec 5 Helen Wade who also arrived nine months ago was discharged on age.

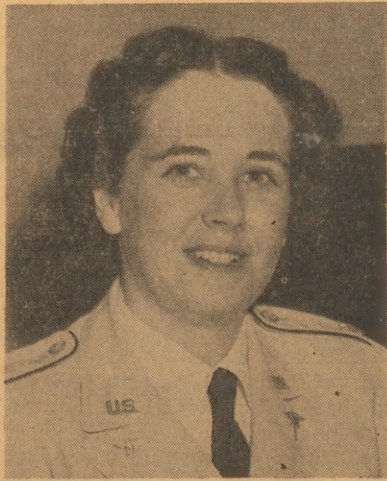
Overage discharges who had served here for the past seven months, or less, were Tec 3 John T. Twiford, orthopedic mechanic in charge of shop, Pvt. Andrew J. Duren of MP det., WAC technicians Tec 5's Margaret E. Smith and Mary Charpentier; WAC medical clerk Tec 5 Eileen Purtell, wardman Tec

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Col. Wadsworth Heads ANC Here

Veteran of 31 months overseas service, Lt. Col. Ivy M. Wadsworth, ANC, has assumed the duties of principal chief nurse of this hospital. She replaces Lt. Col. Katharine Jolliffe, who left this post to ready herself for an important executive nursing assignment in the Hawaiian Command.

Col. Wadsworth saw service with the 804th Hospital Center, located in Whitechurch, England, which supervised the operation of 14 hospitals in the western and northern parts of the British Isles. Many of these hospital sites were on the



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vitch, wardman; all three of whom have been at McGuire for about 15 months.

Other "points" men are Pfc. Bernard M. Nash of EENT who received his discharge after 14 months service here; Tec 5 William E. Eirich, Motor Pool mechanic who has served here for 10 months; OR's Tec 5 Mike Burdalowski, with seven months service; Sgt. Hunter W. Thurston, orthopedic mechanic here for the past four months; and Pvt. Edward J. Campbell, cook, who arrived at McGuire a month ago.

Early Arrivals

S-Sgt. Aramis T. Guy, NCO in charge of Bldg. 303, and Sgt. Merlin Snowden, medical equipment and instrument repairman, were among the first military duty personnel on this post. Guy had served 17 months and Snowden, 16, prior to recent discharge for overage.

Dischargees who had chafed up 15 months of service here before their overage "exits" were: S-Sgt. Abraham Richmond of Military Personnel, Sgt. Pat Mulroe, NCO in charge of Physio-therapy, Cpl. Charles H. Eskridge, wardman, and Tec. 5 George H. Hughes, Hospital Properties.

Other 1944 arrivals who got out on years were: Tec 3 Grace J. Kelly of A & D Office, one of the first Wacs assigned to McGuire and who arrived here 13 months ago; Sgt. Stanley Wasil of Fiscal Branch with 11 months service; Tec 4 Edward Sweeney of Educational Reconditioning, and Pfc's Carmine A. Polcastro—laborer and Shelton A. Stone—wardman—each of whom

estates of wealthy British landowners.

"Upon arriving at McGuire," Col. Wadsworth told BANNER reporter, "I was immediately impressed with the remarkably high morale of the patients. The atmosphere of hospitality here is really wonderful."

The colonel received her commission in August, 1942, and was sent overseas within a few weeks. She first served as chief nurse with the 52nd General Hospital in England and was later transferred to the 804th Hospital Center.

The new Principal Chief Nurse holds a B.S. degree from Syracuse University, and in civilian life was superintendent of nurses at the City Hospital of Syracuse.



WOJG Robert Conway, military personnel chief felicitates sax-player Pfc. "Curley" Geiss, whose age has just graduated him from the army and McGuire Band, while Tec 5 George H. Hughes, released at the same time on age looks over his discharge papers.

All Va. Military District Civilians Now Under McGuire

All government employees in the Virginia Military District now come under the administrative control of the McGuire's civilian personnel branch, it was announced this week.

The curtailment of various government activities in this area necessitated the move, whereby McGuire will now handle all records, including assignments, transfers, pay, etc., for civilians employed in certain government agencies in the Virginia district.

The changeover has brought 171 additional workers under the jurisdiction of the McGuire branch.

These include government employees at the Richmond Railhead; Roanoke and Richmond Induction Station; Finance Office of Richmond; Headquarters, Virginia Military District; Medical College of Virginia; Norfolk, Hampton and Richmond Security and Intelligence Office; and the Military Police Department.

44-hr. Week Now In Effect

With the Post's signal office inauguration of a 44-hour week this past Monday, only three sections at McGuire are still functioning on the old 48-hour schedule, Civilian Personnel office announced today.

The only sections authorized to continue operation under the old schedule of hours are: Civilian Guards, Motor Pool and Central Supply.

Since the hospital's adoption of the 44-hour week on September 9th, other sections have established staggered work hours allowing a maximum of 44 weekly hours for all employees concerned.

Custodial services, which includes janitors, charwomen, and elevator operators, has reduced its work week to a 40-hour maximum in conformity with post headquarters' directive.

A review of schedules prepared by section heads reveals that the majority of employees working on the 44-hour basis—or a total of 88 work hours during any pay period—are on duty for six full days one week and five days of the following week. Off duty days are arranged so that ade-

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Maj. Williams Is Registrar

Major Glenn L. Williams, MC, veteran of 34 months in the Middle East theatre, has reported to McGuire to assume duties as hospital registrar, Colonel Duggins announced this week.

The major replaces the late Major Francisco Acosta, who died after completing 28 years of active army service.

Major Williams was one of the first medical officers to arrive at Suez in early 1942, and served in the Cairo area with the 38th General Hospital for the next 27 months. At that time he became commanding officer for the 104th Station Hospital and surgeon for the Eritrea Base Command.

After tours of duty with the 104th in Anglo Egyptian Sudan and Cairo, the major then returned to the States this past July.

Major Williams is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia and received his commission in the medical corps in 1939.

GI to Civvy--But Remains on Job

Tec 3 John T. Twiford, NCO in charge of McGuire artificial limb shop was discharged from the army yesterday morning.

But this morning finds John T. Twiford back on the job doing business at the same old stand. But now it's Mr. John T. Twiford, civilian foreman of McGuire artificial limb shop.

"I'm doing the same work, but I'm getting more pay for it (I hope), the former NCO told BANNER reporter.

Civilian Twiford was an orthopedic shoemaker before he came into the army, and spent two of his army years at Walter Reed hospital fitting artificial limbs.

Before taking charge of the new artificial limb shop at McGuire, Twiford received specialized training for ten weeks at one of America's outstanding artificial limb factories.

He is a native Virginian, and lives with his wife, Nancy, at Hampton, Va.

Want to Hear Woody Herman And His Band?

Arrangements have been made for patients to attend Woody Herman's Band Show at the Mosque next Monday night, September 24th, according to Special Services Officer, Lt. John Berman.

Transportation will leave Red Cross at 7:30 pm, and those who wish to go are requested to sign at Red Cross Information desk before Monday noon.

Patients are responsible for arranging for their own passes, and uniform must be worn.

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It Happened on Los Negros

By 1st Lt. C. E. Dobbins, Patient in Ward 29

(1st. Lt. C. E. Dobbins of Blacksburg, Va., arrived at McGuire Aug. 4. He served in the Pacific Theatre with the 2nd Aircraft Assembly Squadron, 13th Airforce Ordnance. His brother, Maj. Ernest Dobbins, recently returned to the States from Ordnance service in ETO. Another brother, Sgt. Fred Dobbins, is a gunner and armorer with the 1st Composite Squadron based on Ascension Islands and submarine patrolling was their chief duty.

In civilian life Lt. Dobbins was associated with U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. He is an alumnus of V. P. I. and his hobbies are fishing and hunting.)

It happened on Los Negros island of the Admiralty group, early in May of this year.

I was CO of the Squadron detachment and we were preparing for shipment to Okinawa. We had grown pretty tired of K-rations and bully beef, and I had said to my boys that morning, "I'd give my right arm for some fried fresh fish." (And I did give my right arm, but didn't get any fish.)

At 5:30 that evening S-Sgt. Ed Gulliver and I shoved off shore on a rubber raft. Gulliver, who hailed from Massachusetts, was paddling and I was carrying the dynamite—6 sticks—that we intended to use for blasting the fish to the surface to net them, as fishing tackle was not a part of our equipment.

I was carrying the dynamite in my right hand and looking about for a likely spot as Gulliver paddled us out into the Bismark Sea.

S-Sgt. Komeshcher of Michigan, was on shore, waiting to set off the charge as soon as I would signal that it had been dropped near a school of fish.

We were about 30 yards off shore when I called back to Komeshcher, "How about dropping it here?"

He came back with an "OK" and I yelled, "Here it goes!"

Komeshcher understood me to say, "Let it go"—and he did! He set off the charge while I still had the 6 sticks of dynamite in my right hand.

The explosion blew off my right hand at the wrist, sank our rubber raft, and injured Gulliver at the same instant.

Gulliver, the raft, and I went down together, and when I surfaced again, the bleeding stump of my right arm was the first thing

I saw as I shook the water out of my eyes.

I looked about for Gulliver and saw that he had come to the surface about 10 feet to my left.

He screamed at the sight of my injured arm, but I yelled back, "Never mind the arm, Gulliver, let's head for shore."

I remembered the schools of man-eating sharks that infested those waters and wanted to be on terra firma before those sharks recovered from the shock of the explosion.

As Gulliver and I raced for the shore I called to Komeshcher to have a tourniquet and ambulance ready when we got there.

We had to climb an 8-foot coral reef to get on shore, and we both climbed that ragged reef in record time.

After reaching land we walked about 10 steps down the road before my knees began to buckle, so I lay down on the ground. An Australian medic sergeant from an outfit bivouacked near ours, dashed over to me and applied a tourniquet, and a medical officer of theirs followed closely on his heels and gave us both shots of morphine.

Fortunately our squadron ambulance was parked near where we came to shore, and Komeshcher brought it over and took both Gulliver and me to the nearest hospital—a naval hospital 16 miles away, where they took care of my arm.

I've only had to have one operation on my arm, and soon I'll be fitted with a prosthesis. As soon as I learn to use it well, I am going fishing—with a hook and line. No more dynamite fishing for me.

A company of men at an army camp were summoned to meet the green young lieutenant who had just been assigned to their detachment. The lieutenant was diminutive in size, and many comments were forthcoming about his apparent ineptness. There was a roar of laughter as a voice from the rear of the ranks boomed, "And a little child shall lead them."

The lieutenant said nothing as he finished the business of the day, but the next morning there was a notice posted on the bulletin board: "Company A will take a 25-mile hike today with full packs. . . . And a little child shall lead them—on a nice big horse!"

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"No—it's not that I'm married—I just don't want to—that's all!"

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the Inquiring line

By LT. ART LAIBLY

Q. I own a farm, and when I get out of the service I'd like to take advantage of both the educational and the farm-loan provisions of the "GI Bill of Rights." Will I be permitted to go to school and borrow money for new equipment for the farm?

A. Yes, you probably will. A veteran may take advantage of more than one provision of "The GI Bill of Rights" at a time. If you can convince your bank that you can run your farm, and attend school at the same time, you should have no trouble swinging the loan to buy the new farm equipment.

Q. I was wounded at the time of my capture by the Germans, and spent two months in a German hospital at the end of which time I was released by our troops, and returned to an American hospital. I have been in American hospitals for four months, since my release. Am I eligible for waiver of insurance premiums?

A. Yes, the period you spent in a German hospital will be included as part of your total hospitalization, and you therefore have the necessary six months period of hospitalization to be eligible for the waiver of insurance premiums.

Q. After I am discharged from the Army, do I have the option of selecting the civilian insurance company to which I may convert my National Service Life Insurance?

A. No. Your National Service Life Insurance cannot be converted or transferred to a commercial insurance company. You do have the option of converting your present "term" policy to another type of policy: 20 Year Payment, 30 Year Payment, or a Whole Life Policy. When you convert, however, your policy remains under the control of the Veterans Administration.

Q. How many campaign stars are authorized for the Philippine Campaigns of 1945?

A. There were two stars authorized: one for the Southern Philippines Campaign, and one for the Luzon Campaign.

(For further information see Lt. Arthur Laibly, AGF Liaison Officer, Army Counseling Center (formerly Ward 26) or call Ext. 259.

McGUIRE On the Air

OPEN HOUSE AT McGuire

Saturday, 5:30-6 p.m. WRVA HEAR special music by McGuire Band.

MONKEYSHINES AT McGuire

Wednesday, 7:30-7:45 p.m. WRNL HEAR and SEE this hilarious quiz show at the Red Cross. Fun begins at 7 p.m.

CORPORAL EDDIE WEAVER

Thursday, 3:45-4:00 p.m. WRVA HEAR organ melodies by Eddie Weaver. Featuring interviews with patients.

Tues., Sept. 25, 9:30-10 p.m. WRVA HEAR and SEE this entertaining Show starring patients and mc'd by Joe Brown, transcribed in a Ward. Show begins at 7 p.m.

Bars and Stripes

TO FIRST LIEUTENANT

2nd Lt. Alice M. Wheeler

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT

S-Sgt. Thelma M. Diven

TO SERGEANT

T-5 Pauline Changes

T-5 Octavia M. R. Parrish

TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE

T-5 Winifred L. Condon

T-5 Emily S. Kennedy

T-5 Mary Krakofsky

T-5 Sarah B. Marshall

T-5 Louisa C. Re

T-5 Elsie Rodgerson

T-5 Addie R. Sebree

T-5 Virginia B. Watts

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"— and then he turned me over to the others—he said it was some sort of Rotation Plan . . ."

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MOVIES

POST THEATRE

Week of Friday, September 21. Show for patients at 6:15 p.m.; for duty personnel at 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—"Strange Affairs of Uncle Harry," with George Saunders, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Ella Raines.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY—"Men In Her Diary," with Jon Hall, Louise Allbritton, Peggy Ryan.

TUESDAY—Double Feature: "The Fatal Witness," Evelyn Ankers, Richard Fraser; "Come Out Fighting," with Eastside Kids, June Carlson.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY—"Three Strangers," with Geraldine Fitzgerald, Sydney Greenstreet.

FRIDAY—"Radio Stars on Parade," with Wally Brown, Alan Carney, Frances Langford.

ANC Officers May File Intention To Stay in Army

Army nurses who are interested in commissions in the Regular Army, may file a Statement of Interest with the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., indicating their interest in being considered for such commission, the Surgeon General has announced.

Present indications are that a number of outstanding ANC officers will be needed in the Regular Army peacetime establishment, but until appropriate legislation is enacted, WD cannot announce the conditions which will govern selection of those officers or the number required.

Nurses who served in the emergency, and have too many points in the service at this time, may file a Statement of Interest and be separated from active duty without prejudice to their chances for commission after legislation is enacted.

Defeat "Temporary" To Radio Tokyo

New York (CNS)—Peace is just a breather for Japan, until the Allied troops go home, Radio Tokyo indicated. A broadcast picked up by the Federal Communications Commission said that the country's prestige will be "temporarily" lost. Conceding defeat, the broadcast went on: "It is clear that Japanese imperial headquarters and the entire Japanese forces here and abroad have formally surrendered to the Allied forces."

LIBRARY NOTES

Suzanne McLaurin Connell

The Black Rose, by Thomas B. Costain, is a book guaranteed to interest any reader, for it has something to suit every taste; it meets every requirement for romance, adventure, travel, interesting characterization, vivid description, literary style and historical detail.

Costain has already established himself as a writer of historical romances with his *Ride With Me* and *For My Great Folly*. In *The Black Rose* he has surpassed his own record and written a really exceptional novel.

The Black Rose has a wide scope in every sense of the word. It moves with ease and rapidity from England to the Orient and back again. Its characters are many and varied, including not only imaginary people but such real historical people as Francis Bacon and Bayan of the Hundred Eyes, the General of the Mongol Armies. There is great love interest and a psychological problem presented in the hero's struggle to choose between two women of different parts of the world and of these qualities make the book readable and extremely interesting to any reader, regardless of whether he is seeking adventure, romance, travel, or any other literary ingredient; probably, however, the most interesting feature of the book is the manner in which the author has caught the spirit of a past century and has made it real for us today. This is the final test for a historical novel and *The Black Rose* passes it *summa cum laude*.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m. and, at 10:30 a.m in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass8:30, 11 a.m. Daily Mass.....5 p.m. Confessions Saturday, 6:30, 8 p.m. and Daily before Mass.

JEWISH

Friday Services.....7:30 p.m.

Atomized Heat Near

Schenectady (CNS)—The most probable use of atomic energy, which is presently the basis of the atomic bomb, will be as a source of heat, General Electric scientists state.

‘Unpack ODs’ Post Adj. Says

The new post swimming pool may be beckoning these days. but the post adjutant forewarns of the approach of winter with the announcement that McGuire will switch to winter OD's on October 10th.

The directive, issued by post headquarters, and which affects all members of this command, gives notice that in 19 days winter uniforms must be unpacked from moth balls or shipped back from home, pressed and ready for wear within the deadline period.

-Patients also will be required to change over to OD's on that date.

"During the next 19 days, summer uniforms will be worn during duty hours and winter uniforms may be worn after hours," CWO Lawrence Roffman, post adjutant pointed out, "and the wearing of 'winters' after hours is optional until October 10th, when it becomes mandatory for all, and winter uniform regulations will then go into effect."



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5 Edward M. Condit, and typewriter repairman Pfc. David Lorton.

"The departure of these personnel members of McGuire represents a real loss to their respective sections," remarked WOJG Robert J. Conway, chief of Military Personnel. "It will be difficult to replace some of them.

"For example, Sgt. Richmond, who was chief of the Officers Section of Military Personnel. In pre-army civilian life he had been a New York attorney, and was particularly well fitted for his job here. He was a sincere, conscientious worker, and his section will feel his absence keenly," Mr. Conway said.

"Loss of the two bandsmen is a little rough on us right now," Special Services officer Lt. John Berman commented. "Geiss and Latto were real morale builders among the patients, and we shall miss having them play upon the wards. But I think it's only fair that they should get back to their civilian status, and we wish them all the luck in the world," Lt. Berman concluded.

Insurance Sales Good Post-War Bet for Veterans

(CNS)—If you're interested in a field where you can be your own boss, without layoffs or slack seasons, and where your age is no factor in success, you might consider the insurance business.

Most anything can be insured, from jewelry to rainfall, but the biggest thing in the field is life insurance, with \$153,000,000,000 worth of insurance in force by mid-1945.

There was a time not so long ago, when insurance sales was a field for failures in other lines. They became representatives of one of the big companies, sold to their friends, and just managed to get along.

The big companies, however, became conscious of the disadvantages of such a system—or lack of system. They began selecting personnel more carefully, and employed scientific tests to find the qualities they thought desirable. These are: a faculty for meeting and getting along with people; an ability to manage and budget one's own time; a friendly interest in people and their problems; and a resistance to easy discouragement (a lot of prospects are not sold).

Salesmen Get Training

Nowadays, companies give salesmen training and do everything possible to put them on their feet. Salesmen start out with a salary plus commissions, so that they can get along before they begin to produce. The greatest opportunity for ex-servicemen, according to Raymond C. Johnson, assistant vice-president of New York Life, is in the selling field, but there are also other positions, mainly in home offices, such as accountants, actuaries, statisticians, adjustment and claim work, and so on.

According to the Institute of Life Insurance, sales have risen sharply during the 5-year period after each war, as follows: 250 percent after the Civil War; 70 percent after the Spanish-American War; 90 percent after World War I. Moreover, sales have been going up steadily since

the bottom of the depression, from 98 billions of insurance in force in 1933 to the present level of 153 billion. A continued rise, plus a post-war following the historical pattern, is expected.

Some 15,000,000 ex-servicemen will have held National Service Life Insurance when the war emergency and occupation period are over, and insurance executives regard them as good prospects. They say that it is an axiom of the business that the toughest thing is to sell a man his first policy. Sales should be easier with so many men having learned of the value of insurance, they believe.

Much insurance will also be sold to supplement social security. A man who would retire on social security benefits at 55 could not live on an income of, say \$100 a month, but if it were supplemented with a private annuity, he could.

Companies Need Men

Insurance companies nowadays are badly depleted, and many services have been temporarily curtailed. With the easing of the labor market, these activities will be resumed, and considerable expansion is anticipated.

All these factors indicate that the outlook in the field is a bright one, though no one is prepared to say exactly how many employees will be hired.

And there's this to be said: insurance does not require a long preparation or any investment, your returns are commensurate with the work you put into it, and old age will not destroy your earning power. Concretely, if a salesman can find one man a week who will put \$120 a year into life insurance, his first year earnings will average about \$250 a month, and there will be subsequent potential earnings of about the same amount.

Men interested should write the agency director of one or more companies at their home office, or visit the local branch office or general agent.

Revised Point System For Doctors, ANC's, Dentists

A revised point system program which will return 13,000 physicians, 25,000 nurses, 3,500 dentists and an undetermined number of other Medical Department officers to civilian life by Jan. 1, 1946, has just been announced by Surgeon General, Major General Norman T. Kirk.

Medical and Dental Corps officers who have 80 points, are 48 years of age or have been in the Army since before Pearl Harbor, will be released as surplus—unless they are specialists in eye, ear, nose and throat work; plastic surgery, orthopedic surgery, neuropsychiatry, or are laboratory technicians. These specialists will be released if they were called to duty prior to Jan. 1, 1941.

A similar reduction was made in the point score for nurses, who are now eligible for discharge if their rating is 35 or more points, or if they are 35 years old. In addition, all married nurses and those with children under 14 years are eligible for immediate separation.

Physio-therapists and Dietitians are eligible under the same conditions if their point score is 40 or



McGuire patients enjoy a morning swim in the recently opened new Post pool, as chief of reconditioning service, Major Craig Muckle (wearing jacket) looks on. Swimming is one of the most popular physical reconditioning activities and is a prime favorite with the amputee patients.

Vets Get First Crack at Army Surplus Property

Details of a new program through which discharged veterans may purchase surplus Army property with which to set themselves up in business without buying through regular dealer channels were explained today by Lt. Chris J. Edmonds, McGuire Personal Affairs officer.

"Under new regulations," Lt. Edmonds said, "the government has established the Smaller War Plants Corporation to assist discharged veterans to obtain property declared surplus by the Army.

"Previously, most surplus items, particularly automotive, agricultural and construction equipment and consumer goods have been offered for sale through dealers. Now, veterans will be afforded the highest possible priority to enable their purchase of items ranging from coffee makers to jeeps and trucks," said the lieutenant.

Discharged veterans wishing to obtain surplus items for an enterprise with an invested capital not exceeding \$50,000, should apply to the Smaller War Plants Corporation office nearest the locality where the business will be established, Lt. Ed-

monds explained. There are 110 such offices in the larger cities of the United States.

"The limit of \$50,000 invested capital is to make it possible for the average man seeking to set himself up in business to purchase surplus property without being forced into competitive bidding against large industry," Lt. Edmonds said. "Another restriction along the same general line limits the purchase of property to \$2,500 by any one individual."

In order to qualify for purchase rights, a discharged veteran must maintain the business as sole proprietor or be the owner of at least one-half interest if non-veterans are associated with him in the enterprise. the lieutenant pointed out.

"A man discharged from the Army shouldn't hesitate to take advantage of his right to buy surplus property just because he hasn't enough ready cash on hand," Lt. Edmonds added. "It may be possible to obtain a loan for such purposes under that part of the 'G.I. Bill' which provides for the guaranty of loans for buying farm equipment or business property."

Lt. Edmonds urged men interested in buying surplus property to visit his office in the Army Counseling Center or call him on Extension 482 for further information.

600 Stations Set Up In Recruiting Drive

New York (CNS)—B-Gen. Harold N. Gilbert, head of the Army's recruiting campaign prior to the war, has been given the job of heading the new drive for soldier volunteers. He will work through 600 recruiting stations which soon will be established in all parts of the world.

Farm-Minded Vets Urged to Figure Costs First

(CNS)—If you're thinking of buying a farm to settle down on when they hand you that slip of paper and gold button, proceed with caution. That is the advice of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

According to a survey prepared by the I&E Division, ASF, some 800,000 men in the Army plan to go back to the farm. Of this number, many will go to farms they or their families had before the war. But others plan to buy, and that's where the caution is necessary.

Prices for farm land, according to the Farm Credit Administration, are high right now. They are up because of the soaring prices of farm products. When buying a farm, the purchaser should determine whether his income from his produce in "normal" times will cover the cost of his investment.

This is especially the case if you expect to buy on credit. For, during the period between World

War I and World War II, most of the farm foreclosures resulted from the purchase of property at inflated prices, on credit.

LAND COSTS UP

From 1913 to 1920, prices of farm products rose 107 per cent, according to the Farm Credit Administration, while land prices went up 70 per cent. Then farm products took a tumble, and in a few months fell off 52 per cent. That meant that a man and his wife buying a farm who depended on a continuance of wartime prices were out of luck. And as a matter of fact, farm foreclosures jumped from 4 per 1,000 in 1919 to 17 per 1,000 in 1924, and reached a peak of 39 per 1,000 in 1932.

It seems reasonable to suppose, the farm experts go on, that the return on agricultural products will drop after this war, too. The Army will reduce its purchases—

in fact, it has already started to cut back. Civilian workers, who had more money than ever before, and worked up bigger appetites, are faced with reduced incomes. It will no longer be necessary to feed our fighting allies, and devastated areas which were once the scene of combat will soon be producing wheat and beef.

So if the familiar pattern is followed, prices will go down. Now, says the Farm Credit Administration, "it would be a different story if you could buy a farm and agree to pay for it with about forty 200-pound hogs a year. That's what it would take, by the way, if pork was worth \$6.82 a hundred and you had a \$10,000 4 per cent Federal Land Bank loan for 34½ years."

TAKES CASH ON THE LINE

But you don't borrow hogs to pay for a farm. It takes money, and it's important to know how much

money your hogs are likely to bring so you can pay for that farm. If pork brings \$13.10 a hundred-weight, as it did in 1944, it would take about 21 hogs to meet mortgage payments, but when pork sells for \$4, as it did during the depression, it would require 68 hogs to meet payments.

The Farm Credit Administration thinks it is a good idea to figure sales on the basis of prices from 1933 to 1940, which includes both good and bad years. You'll find that prices in March, 1944, say, were twice those of that seven-year period.

FIGURE ALL ANGLES

So, the thing to do is shop around for a property. Check water supply, drainage, roads, electricity, telephone, flood danger, school bus, soil productivity, rainfall, and the like. Then figure out the normal expectation for your kind of farm-

ing in both good and bad years. Make allowances for drought and bad breaks. Check on local conditions with the county agent, the National Farm Loan Association secretary-treasurer, and well informed farmers nearby. Figure out family expenses: clothing, doctor and dental bills, groceries, church contributions, insurance, and the like. Total expenses for labor, fertilizer, seed, machinery, fuel, repairs, improvements, taxes depreciation and all the rest.

See whether conservatively figured, your income will cover expenses and provide for payment of interest and principal on your loan. If you don't have to borrow to buy a farm, that's no reason to squander your capital on a poor investment.

All this may sound like a businessman's approach to tilling the soil. It is. Nowadays it has to be.

So They Say

By 1st Sgt. Bill Allison

They are saying Rudy York will be offered for sale by the Detroit Tigers this winter, the reason being that, with the return of Barney McCosky and Dick Wakefield to the club for outfield duty next spring, Hank Greenberg will dislodge Rudy from first base.

The New York Giants, operating on one of the skimpiest pay rolls of the last 20 years, are enjoying a wonderful season at the gate.

Bill Guthrie was regarded in his day as one of the most sarcastic and quick witted major league umpires. One day he had a brush with Miller Huggins, pint sized manager of the New York Yankees. The Yankees were playing Cleveland with Guthrie behind the plate. He called a third strike on Whitey Witt which the Yankee center fielder didn't like. An argument followed and as it progressed Huggins came from the dug-out to join the fracas. The manager approached the plate Guthrie ordered Witt out of the game. Then pointing to Huggins, the umpire added, "And take this bat boy here along with you."

Middletown and Newark of the Ohio State league had to postpone a recent game because of a shortage of baseballs.

Uncle Looie's idea of a real sportsman is one who can hook a swordfish, reel it to within three feet of a boat and then draw a foil and fence it to shore.



Boxing films are almost as old as the motion picture industry itself. The Jim Corbett-Bob Fitzsimmons match at Carson City, March 17, 1897, was the first bout to be filmed. Two years later William A. Brady took the Jeffries-Sharkey fight under artificial lights. The contestants almost collapsed under the heat of the 400 arc lamps spotted over the ring. Since that day almost every important bout has been recorded in movies. Fight pictures have had to battle both technical and legal difficulties to win acceptance, but today a championship match without a battery of movie cameras is as unthinkable as a bout without a referee.

During a practice session when John McEwan was coach of the football Dodgers, one of the players asked, "And what do I do after he hands me the ball, coach?" The scholarly McEwan replied, "Son, just dispatch yourself with the utmost precision as far as your individual excellence will permit."

"Four years in the Army is like 4 years in Stillman's gym. It keeps you in good shape and you usually leave the Army in better condition than you came in—provided of course you don't get shot." Sgt. George Braidwood (The Real) McCoy, ex-Broadway sidewalk interviewer and 5th Army veteran.

Many Duck Pin Bowling Enthusiasts At This Post

Patients' Teams Bowl at Southside

McGuire patients now have an opportunity to take a crack at bowling on four mornings a week, according to arrangements recently concluded by Captain John Sisley, chief of reconditioning and the Southside Bowling Alley.

The bowling program, which is available to all patients, is especially designed for amputees.

"Amputees will get a chance to improve their sense of balance and timing, and at the same time play one of America's most popular games," Captain Sisley explained.

"We are using the alleys only on Tuesdays now," the captain said. "However, as soon as the turnout increases, we plan to schedule bowling on a much larger scale."

Patients are permitted to wear convalescent suits for bowling, and will be taken by hospital bus to and from the alleys.

Captain Sisley stated that plans for bowling tournaments will be organized in the early future, and already some of the wards have started teams.

Use of the Southside Bowling alleys for patients has been provided without charge through the courtesy of the owner, Mr. C. L. Johns.

Camp Lee Nine Invites Patients To See Game

Camp Lee has extended a special invitation for 60 McGuire to attend their opening football game tomorrow afternoon when they play University of North Carolina on the Lee grid.

Patients may wear convalescent suits and the bus will leave promptly at 12:30. Those who wish to attend are requested to sign up at Red Cross Information desk immediately, as "first come—first served."

Few in U. S. Available For Occupation Forces

Washington (CNS)—Don't expect a flood of replacements from the U.S. to relieve combat troops from occupational duties in the Pacific.

That's the word from Washington where it is pointed out that there just aren't that many soldiers at home.

At present there are approximately 1,000,000 new soldiers at home training as replacements. They will be Pacific-bound after training. Then there are about 1,000,000 other soldiers in continental U. S., mostly on duty as "operating military personnel." Of these, 400,000 are physically disqualified for overseas duty; 300,000 already have been overseas and only 300,000 eligible men have not been overseas. Of these, 50 percent are specialists urgently needed in their present work and the remaining 150,000 are AAF men. Very few are ground or service troops.

Center No. 2 Has 8 Teams

The newly organized Civilian Bowling League, Center Number 1, got off to a flying start last night, when the first game of the season was staged at Regent Bowling Alley, 1514 Hull St.

Eight teams were entered, but final scores were not available at the time the BANNER went to press.

Civilian payroll section team—captained by Roland Troxler, bowled against No. 2, Captain Kiger's Supply team.

Lab's team, No. 3, with George T. League as captain, rolled it out against No. 4's post-office team under Rosalie McDonald.

Adice Murphy's No. 5, the Civilian personnel team, was matched against Steno pool's No. 6 under Mary Tanner.

Captain Hilga Snelling and her Military personnel team, No. 7, bowled against No. 8, of Fiscal department under Carolyn Damiani.

Posted handicaps will be based on averages resulting from scores chalked up last night, and the second game of the season is scheduled for next Thursday evening at the Regent Alley.

All games will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

44-Hour Week

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quate personnel will be on the job during all work hours.

The 5½-day work week has been elected by five of the service sections—dental, nursing, reconditioning, registrar and x-ray.

Post fire fighters are on duty for 24-hour tours and then relieved for the next 24 hours.

In general, hospital messes utilize both the 5½-day and 5-day 6-day schedules. However, mess attendants and cooks work in 12-hour stretches for 3 and 2-3 days per week, while ward kitchen workers are on a basis of four 8-hour days and two 6-hour days.

"We have been operating under the 44-hour week schedule for such a short time that it is difficult to determine just how well the various sections have been able to adapt themselves to the reduced man hours," said Mr. Troland L. Troxler chief of Civilian Personnel branch. "I feel that most of the section chiefs have been able to institute the new schedules without affecting work output."

"Only in emergencies will any civilian, except those assigned to the three authorized sections, be required to work more than 44 hours per week," stated Mr. Troxler.

Civilian Personnel office has requested section heads to adhere to the schedules they have set up for their employees, as any change necessitates alteration of pay cards.

A widow writing to an insurance company said:

"You have asked me to fill out so many proofs of claims and I have had so much trouble getting my money that I sometimes wish my husband hadn't died."



Sgt. William C. Whitten, Jr., patient in ward 2, who lost his left leg during an attack near Cologne, Germany, last February, puts plenty of "English" on the ball to display the form that made him a "110" man with duck pins in former civilian life.

The 20-year old infantryman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C.

Whitten, Sr., of Walhalla, S. C., was a student at Clemson University when he joined the army in May of '43, and intends to return to his studies there when he is discharged from the army.

He has been a patient at McGuire for the past six months, and was fitted with an artificial limb about two months ago.

McGuire Veterans, Wacs Parade in Richmond

City officials, business and professional leaders, school children, representatives of nearby military installations, WAC duty personnel and overseas veteran patients of McGuire General Hospital, and just plain Richmond citizens joined the Chinese population of the city and their guests from afar in a colorful Victory Parade through Richmond yesterday.

McGuire patients who rode in the parade were: Sergeants Gene S. Gliem of ward 7, Charles Hudgins of ward 38, and Lewis W. Shanholtz of ward 18. Corporal George Bevers of ward 19 and Tec. 5 Joseph Agnesino of ward 8. Privates First Class Hong Q. Quon of China patient in ward 2, W. E. Likens of ward 9, Mack L. Durrer of ward 11, Earl F. Smith of ward 18, Edwin M. Stevens, William F. Thomas and Melvin E. McLaughlin of ward 19, Robert Harris and Paul Rippeon of ward 39, and James L. Martin of ward 51.

Sgt. Charles Hudgins, a native Richmonder was in charge of the parading McGuire patients.

The Wacs from this post who marched in the parade were: Sgt. Catherine Haver, and Tec 5's Mar-

garet Bowles, Frances Brown, Ruby Cox, Eleanor Hunt, Veronica Kirby, Helen Le Blanc and Minnie Porter.

Chief marshal of the parade, Henry Schwarzschild, in commenting on the soldierly bearing of the McGuire vets, said, "We are very grateful to these men who have sacrificed so much, and who are a credit as soldiers and men to their home towns, America, and the world."

USO Artist Sketches GI's

USO's well-known artist, Earl Houser Smith, will visit McGuire wards for one week beginning next Monday, to sketch portraits of patients.

GI's who pose will receive the original portrait sketch, autographed by the artist, together with two photostatic copies. One of the copies is a negative from which reprints may be made, if desired.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



No Chicken, Inspector